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More students using GoHigherKY.org for college planning

More and more Kentucky students are turning to the new GoHigherKy.org Web site for information to help them plan, prepare and pay for college. Students who create accounts this year also have a chance to win an iPod Shuffle.

Each month, The Student Loan People and the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), the agencies that sponsor GoHigherKY.org, are giving away a portable MP3 player that can store up to 240 songs. The name of each winner is drawn from the list of students who set up GoHigherKY.org accounts during the previous month.

January's winner was Hilary Hatfield of Belfry, a junior at Belfry High School in Pike County. The winner in February was Jessica Kloentrup of Florence, a 2005 graduate of Boone County High School who plans to enroll at Gateway Community and Technical College.

GoHigherKY.org is a one-step Web site for college and career planning. A cooperative effort among colleges, state agencies and other organizations, the site can be used by students, parents, college students, adult students and guidance counselors. Students can run free scholarship searches, transfer information to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), take virtual tours of colleges, find colleges that match their preferences and apply to colleges online.

The college planning section provides checklists for students in grades 8–12. Beginning with the junior year, the site provides a month-by-month list of actions college-bound students should take. The college planning section also allows students to keep track of their courses and grades as they go through high school.

The Counselor Center helps counselors track their students' progress through the college admissions process. The center also allows counselors to combine their calendar of events with students' calendars and communicate with students via online chats and e-mails.

To learn how to plan and prepare for higher education, visit www.GoHigherKY.org. For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit www.kheaa.com; write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602-0798; or call (800) 928-8926, extension 7381. For more information about student loans, visit www.studentloanpeople.com; write The Student Loan People, P.O. Box 24328, Louisville, KY 40224-0328; or call (888) 678-4625.

